IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

In re:)	Case No.: 23-60243
)	
INEZ AVANELL CROWE,)	Chapter 13 Proceeding
)	
Debt	tor.	JUDGE JOHN P. GUSTAFSON

AMENDED MOTION FOR ALLOWANCE OF A LATE FILING OF PROOF OF CLAIM

NOW COMES the creditor, Teamsters Affiliates Pension Plan (hereinafter the "Plan") through its attorney, and requests this Honorable Court to enter an Order allowing the Late Filing of a Proof of Claim by the Plan against the Debtor's estate.

In support hereof, the Plan states as follows:

- 1. The Plan is a defined benefit plan that provides monthly retirement annuities to employees who worked for Affiliates of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.
- 2. The Debtor, Inez Avanell Crowe, (hereinafter the "Debtor"), is the surviving spouse of plan participant Donald E. Crowe ("Mr. Crowe"), who died on September 1, 2022.
- 3. The Debtor did not inform the Plan of her husband's death and the Plan continued to deposit a monthly annuity of \$658.00 in Mr. Crowe's joint account with the Debtor.
- 4. The annuity did not provide a benefit for a surviving spouse, therefore, the Debtor was not entitled to the monthly annuity.
- 5. From October 2022 August 2023, a total of \$7,238.00 was deposited into the Debtor's account at Mechanics Bank ending in 75732.
- 6. The Plan learned of Mr. Crowe's death in October 2023, stopped all deposits and sent the letter attached hereto as Exhibit A to the Debtor. At the time the letter was sent, the Plan was unaware that the Debtor had commenced bankruptcy proceedings in this Court.

- 7. According to the Debtor's Amended Schedules filed on April 17, 2023, the Mechanics Bank account ending in 75732 contained \$17,173.53 of which, \$7,238.00, belongs to the Plan.
 - 8. The original deadline for filing a proof of claim in this action was May 15, 2023.
- 9. The Plan did not receive notice of the Debtor's bankruptcy proceeding until her daughter emailed the Plan on November 6, 2023. A copy of the email is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- 10. The Plan now seeks to file a proof of claim (attached hereto as Exhibit C) in the amount of \$7,238.00.
- 11. The Plan's claim is a priority claim under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a) and is exempt from discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(2).
- 12. Rule 3003(c) of the *Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure* provides that the "court shall fix and for cause shown may extend the time within which proofs of claim or interest may be filed."
- 13. Further, as stated in *Pioneer Investment Services Company v. Brunswick Associates Limited Partnership*, 507 U.S. 380, 388 (1993). "Hence, by empowering the courts to accept late filings 'where the failure to act was the result of excusable neglect,' Rule 9006(b)(1), Congress plainly contemplated that the courts would be permitted, where appropriate, to accept late filings caused by inadvertence, mistake, or carelessness, as well as by intervening circumstances beyond the party's control."
- 14. "Excusable" is an equitable determination that takes account of circumstances such as "the danger of prejudice to the debtor, the length of the delay and its potential impact on judicial proceedings, the reason for the delay, including whether it was within the reasonable control of the movant and whether the movant acted in good faith." *See Pioneer*, 507 U.S. at 387.

- 15. To the extent that the Court may find that the Plan's failure to file their Proof of Claim in a timely manner amounted to neglect, it was "excusable" as defined above.
- 16. It is the Plan's position that the Debtor will not be prejudiced by the allowance of the late filing of the Proof of Claim.

WHEREFORE, the Plan requests that an Order Allowing the Late Filing of a Proof of Claim (as attached) be entered.

Dated: January 19, 2024 Respectfully submitted,

Teamsters Affiliates Pension Plan

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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